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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 09/944,731** filed **August 31, 2001** (still pending).

Applicants: **John S. MURPHY, et al.**

Entitled: **BAGLESS CANISTER VACUUM CLEANER**

☒ Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the specification, drawings, assignment, and oath or declaration as the basic papers for the new application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 12 sheets of Specification;
- ☒ 11 sheets of Claims;
- ☒ 1 sheet of Abstract;
- ☒ 8 sheets of formal Drawings (Figures 1-9);
- ☒ Copy of the Assignment; and,
- ☒ Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,064.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 06-0308.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Royal Appliance Mfg. Co. Said Assignment was recorded on August 31, 2001, Reel 012137, Frame 0545.
- ☒ Priority of pending prior applications **U.S. Serial No. 09/944,731** filed **August 31, 2001** (still pending) and **U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/230,287** filed **September 1, 2000** is hereby claimed.
- ☒ Prior to examination, please cancel in this application original claims 13-29 of the prior application before calculating the fee.

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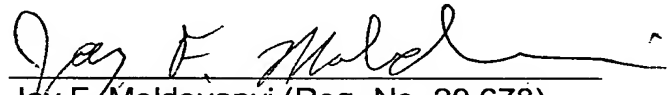
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- ☒ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 09/944,731** filed **August 31, 2001**.

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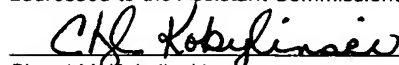
  
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